

Southern Flyer



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908th Happenings

March

March 8 (UTA) - Chapter 21 ROA meeting after sign out (Forshey POC)

March 14 - Maxwell/Gunter Annual Awards Banquet, 1800 O'Club

March 20 - Faye Williams' Retirement, Sahara Restaurant at 1100, RSVP NLT

March 10 (B Ray, K Moore POCs)

April

April 2 - Tech. Sgt. Eddie Hayes' Retirement (LGMV - Avionics)

April 5 (UTA) - Betty Voith's Retirement Party, Hoppers Lodge, 1800, RSVP NLT

March 10 (Forshey, Henley POCs)

April 26 (Saturday) - March of Dimes Walk America 2003 - Union Station Train Depot 0800 Registration, 0900 Walk Begins (POC Jasmine Hails)

POC Jasmine Hails

May

May 3 (UTA) - Family Day

1000-1700 - Base Lakes

Wing staff has vacancies

There are several vacancies on the wing staff for reservists looking for a job change or seeking new challenges. Openings exist for command post controllers, a public affairs specialist and a wing historian.

Any reservist interested in cross training to the command and control career field, should contact command post chief Maj. Nancy Stephenson or command post chief superintendent Senior Master Sgt. Jim Theusch at 953-2717 to set up an interview.

Public Affairs has an opening for a sharp individual with an outgoing personality and superior individual writing and speaking skills. The position is authorized as a Tech. Sgt slot. Must be able to go to 10-week tech school. Contact public affairs officer Maj. Jerry Lobb at 953-6804 for more details

The final opening is for a wing historian. This is an excellent opportunity for a sharp troop to step up to the wing staff. This is a Master Sgt. position. Anyone interested, should contact wing executive officer 1st Lt. David Lionberger at 953-9080.

Cover photo:

HM1 (hospital corpsman) Kevin O'Leary demonstrates how to use a bag valve mask during airway management instruction while 908ers Maj. Susan Cheatwood and Tech. Sgt Michelle Fitz-Henry look on. See Page 3 for more on Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute visit.

Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Medical personnel sharpen skills



Thoughts, prayers are for deployed and families



By Col. James Stewart
908th Airlift Wing commander

At long last the call has come. By the time most of you read this, many members of our wing and most of our aircraft will be deployed in support of the pending action in Iraq.

I ask that all of you reading this, including members of the wing, our families, retirees, congressional members and staff, civic leaders etc. keep our deployed members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Our pride in their ability and best wishes go out to those deployed for the success of their mission. It is our fervent hope they we'll see y'all come home quickly and safely.

To those reading this via e-mail at some location in Southwest Asia, I hope you feel we got you out of town as quickly and as painlessly as possible. Those of us still at home will be working to support you however we can. If you have problems, need help with family issues here, whatever, please advise

your deployed commander and let us help you resolve those issues so you are free to focus on safely doing your job.

To the family members of those deployed, I want you to know you are NOT alone. This wing is family and we will work together to help you with any challenges you may face while they are gone. If you need help, feel free to contact your wife/husband's squadron, Tech. Sgts. Rod Bush or Conchita Floyd in Family Support at 953-6673, or Maj. Jerry Lobb in Public Affairs at 953-6804. They will find an answer to your questions, provide help, or find someone who will.

To the rest of the members of this wing, thank you for the hard work and preparation it has taken to

prepare for this deployment. I'm proud of you all for the high level of planning and preparation required to make the deployment process work as smooth as possible. Particular kudos go out to Lt. Col. Jon Huguley and Chief Master Sgt. Gary Looney, they really went all out to anticipate every foreseeable obstacle in the deployment process.

While the call has come, and the first group has gone, the rest of us need to keep sharp and prepare for any taskings that may follow. Remember our wing's motto: Ready...Always!

I'm proud of each and every member of our wing. You have answered the challenge in a truly superb fashion. My hat is off to all of you who make this wing great!



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Having trouble coping? Lean on the Lord



By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Anders
908th Airlift Wing senior chaplain

These are times in which we face many challenges. Some of these challenges are economic, some are emotional, some are psychological and some are spiritual. Some come from our family, some from friends, some from foes. Whatever form these challenges take, they can put great strain on us.

How do we cope with these challenges and this strain? Can I tell you what has helped me. I lean on the Lord. I know, that

may sound overly simplistic to someone of your intellect, but it works for me. I have found over the years that if I am OK spiritually, I can handle the rest of my life more easily. I try to have some time everyday that I simply sit and tell the Lord what's bothering me. I also spend some time everyday thanking him for the ways in which he blesses me and takes such good care of me. I usually close these moments by

asking for strength to handle whatever comes my way. When I get up and leave my conversation with him, I try to leave my burdens, and walk in his strength.

Will this work for you? Hey, the old timers used to tell me: "If you ain't tried it, don't knock it." This column will be read by many; to each one who reads it, let me say, that you are in my thoughts and prayers during these days of extra stress.

Emergency cards move to web

Reservists can update their emergency contact information from any web-connected computer rather than visiting their military personnel flights.

Called the Virtual Record of Emergency Data, or vRED, the form provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies while on active duty.

The vRED replaces the Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emer-

gency Data, and will need to be kept updated individually. The vMPF will prompt airmen to update their emergency data upon login.

Local military personnel flights are notifying airmen based on location when they must sign on and establish their initial electronic form. The dates for the 908th are May 19-25, said 908MPF superintendent Chief Master Sgt. Ezera "Mac" McElwee.

Wing people don't have to wait until May to update, however. They can update

now said McElwee who's already updated his vRED.

Accurate and current family contact information can prevent delays of medical, casualty and death benefits for airmen and family members, officials said. It also avoids hours or even days of uncertainty during which casualty teams are sometimes left to track down next of kin.

Personnel officials encourage all active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen to update their information every six months, prior to deployments and after moving.

On the AFPC Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil, people can select the "vMPF" logo at the top of the page. New vMPF users will need to establish an account.

The online application, which will take most people about 15 minutes, requires information on relatives and their addresses.

For more information about the vMPF, call the Air Force Contact Center at (866) 229-7074 or 908th MPF Customer Service at (334) 953-5522. (AFPC News Service)



Photos by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Above, 908AES aeromedical evacuation technicians Master Sgt. Steve McKinney (left) and Tech. Sgt. Nov Ing assist DRMTI instructor Master Sgt. Gordon Jones with a demonstration of proper procedures spinal immobilization techniques during the Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support class. Right, Capt. Mila Weathers, 908 AES flight nurse, demonstrates her mastery of the trauma nursing process under the watchful gaze of instructor Capt. Terri McPherson.

Medical personnel sharpen skills

The 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron hosted an advanced medical skills training workshop Jan. 23-26. The program, primarily attended by medical personnel from both the 908AES and the 908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, consisted of three advanced clinical skills courses, instructed by the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute.

DMRTI, located at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, is a Tri-Service military organization that conducts and coordinates training for active duty and reserve military medical personnel who provide worldwide healthcare support. DMRTI staff conduct resident and nonresident medical readiness related courses. DMRTI presented the Advanced Burn Life Support, the Trauma Nurse Core and the Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support courses at Maxwell. Forty-five medical personnel attended ABLS, with 33 attending the TNCC and 27 attending PHTLS.



Brig. Gen. Linda Hemminger (right), mobilization assistant to the assistant USAF Surgeon General nursing services looks on as DMRTI instructor U.S. Navy Cmdr. Nancy Mace discusses trauma considerations for a patient during the Trauma Nursing Core Course.



908ASTS Commander Col. Betty Williams, and Maj. Debbie Spitzer, 908AES flight nurse (far right), work on trauma patient during an TNCC scenario.

Right, 908AES flight nurses Capt. Steve Jordan, Maj. Janet Broome and Capt. Lisa Mayo and 908ASTS clinical nurse Maj. Gwendolyn Hill observe DMRTI instructor John Mechtel during an Advanced Burn Life Support course training session. Far right, Capt. Nina Gaiters, 908ASTS assistant OIC of immunizations, performs cervical spinal immobilization.



Wing selects 2002 annual award winners

Congratulations are in order for the enlisted, officer and civilian personnel recently named the wing's top performers for the preceding year.

Named the wing's best for 2002 were (clockwise from right): Capt. Maureen A. Allen, 908AES, Company Grade Officer of the Year; Master Sgt. Cameron Kirksey, 908LRS, Senior NCO of the Year; Tech. Sgt. Conchita Floyd, 908MSS/FR, NCO of the Year; Senior Airman Anita Atkinson, 908MSS; Airman of the Year; Master Sgt. Albert McWhorter, 908SFS, First Sergeant of the Year; William J. Forshey, Jr., 908AW/FM, Civilian of the Year (GS12-GS15 Category) and Donald H. Fenn, 908CES, Civilian of the Year (GS/WS/WL 7-11 Category).



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

908AES flight nurse Capt. Maureen Allen, Company Grade Officer of the Year



908LRS fuels distribution monitor Master Sgt. Cameron Kirksey, Senior NCO of the Year

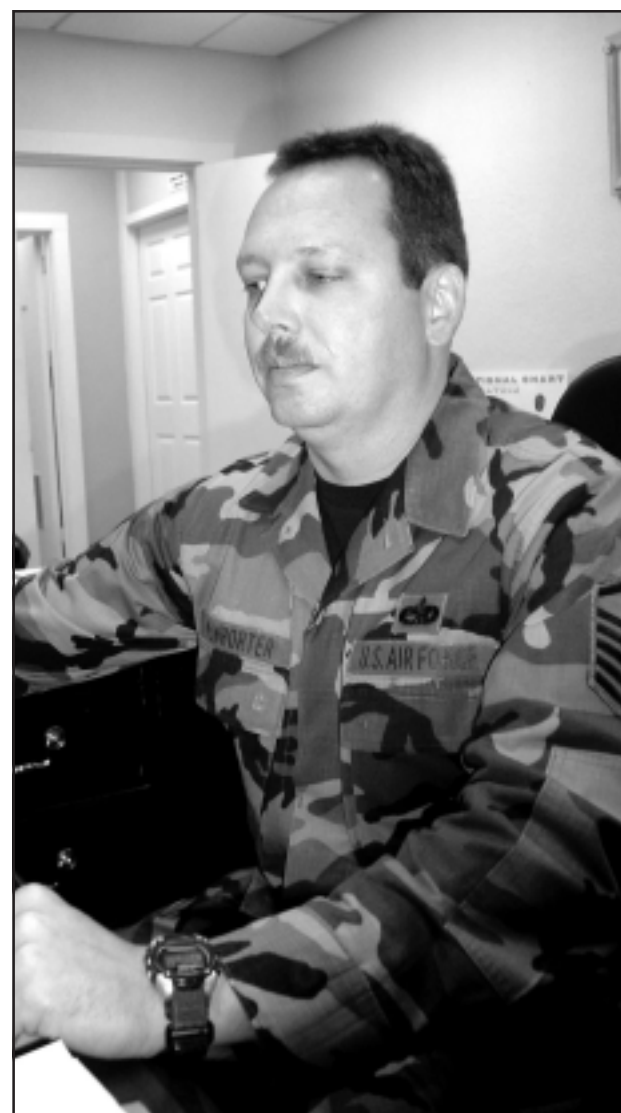


Photos by Jeff Melvin

908CES operations superintendent Don Fenn, Civilian of the Year (GS/WS/WL 7-11 Category).



908AW financial analysis officer Bill Forshey, Civilian of the Year (GS12-GS15 Category).



908SFS first sergeant Master Sgt. Albert McWhorter, First Sergeant of the Year

908AES flight nurse gets choice seat next to first lady for presidential address



908MSS assistant NCOIC, Family Support Center Tech. Sgt. Conchita Floyd, NCO of the Year



908MPF customer service representative Senior Airman Anita Atkinson, Airman of the Year

Like many Americans Capt. Maureen Allen listened intently to President Bush's State of the Union address Jan. 28. But unlike those millions watching on TV or listening on the radio, Allen had a prime seat — right next to first lady Laura Bush.

Allen, a flight nurse with the 908th Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron, joined members of Congress and special guests on Capitol Hill as the president spoke before a worldwide, television audience.

Picked by the White House because she volunteered to go overseas for Operation Enduring Freedom, Allen experienced a whirlwind week that far eclipsed Andy Warhol's observation that anyone in America can be famous for 15 minutes.

Allen's moment in the spotlight continued unabated for at least another day with appearances the following morning on CBS's "The Early Show" and CNN's "American Morning with Paula Zahn" an interview with a local newspaper at the airport on her return to Montgomery and capped by interviews with three local TV stations.

Add the print news stories and local TV segments that ran shortly after the announcement of her selection Jan. 27 and one understands why she told a local reporter, "I survived," upon her return from Washington, D.C.

Noting that she turned 37 the day of the event, the North Tonawanda, N.Y. native described her attendance at the presidential address as "a nice birthday present and an unbelievable opportunity. In fact, it was one of the more rewarding experiences I have had in my 18 years of Air Force service."

For 120 days Allen served as medical crew director on a three-person team that treated people injured in combat and noncombat situations throughout the region. That included aeromedical evacuation flights in and out of both Kandahar and Bagram air bases in Afghanistan, as well as remote locations in Uzbekistan.

Neither the combat situations nor the austere conditions dampened her zeal to accomplish the mission.

"It was amazing. But in the end, we were so well trained and qualified to do our job. It felt good to do the mission we

were always trained to do."

She lauded the performance of her fellow crew members, 908AES aeromedical evacuation technicians Master Sgt. James Weber and Tech. Sgt. Patrick Weir, saying theirs was a total team effort.

The 908AES trio earned an Army Commendation Medal for their Operation Enduring Freedom support and was nominated for an Air Medal.

She'd volunteer again, Allen said without hesitation, commenting "That's why I joined the Air Force. I'd do it again, absolutely. If needed."

As a result of her OEF participation her name was submitted as a person the White House might call on to represent the Air Force during a fall presidential function. She wasn't selected



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Local TV station interviews Captain Allen

for the October event, but she was picked to sit next to the first lady for the State of the Union address.

"Can you have Captain Allen in D.C. for the State of the Union address," 908AW chief of public affairs Maj. Jerry Lobb said, recalling the call he received from the Pentagon the day before the event. "That was a tremendous way to start Monday morning."

Allen said she had family members watching the address. Her mother, father, sister and brother tuned in from upstate New York.

"It was the most wonderful experience," Allen said. "The president was very eloquent. I'm so grateful and blessed that I was able to do that."



White House Photo

Capt. Maureen Allen poses for a photo opportunity with President George and first lady Laura Bush.

Key Information for activated reservists

Planning pays off

It's happened. You've been called to active duty. Now all the planning pays off. Personal and family readiness gives you peace of mind to do your job while away.

Most people know about the basic benefits of activation, such as pay, full commissary use, and health care. Below is a quick reference for answers to questions many activated reservists have. For a more complete guide to preparing for mobilization, see the Family Readiness pamphlet, "Mission Readiness, a Personal and Family Guide for National Guard and Reserve Members"

Family Support

Leave things as stable as possible at home. Most family members feel some sense of anger or loss at separation. It's not fun, but it's normal. The best thing to do is deal with the feelings. Communicate. Other things that have worked include working out a family budget with the new pay scale, drawing up a chart for household chores, and making sure routine maintenance is done before you leave. You may want to plan a going-away event, so you can leave with warm memories. The Family

Support Program offers information, assistance, and support for your loved ones while you are away. They can connect your spouse with experts who will assist them one on one or in a workshop with financial management, job search, parenting, stress management, child care relief (if you're activated), and much more. Call the 908th Airlift Wing Family Support at (334) 953-6673 or call the Maxwell Support Division Family Support at (334) 953-2353.

Job Rights

Two basic rights granted to you by Federal law are the right to deploy and the right to return to your job. Your employer must let you report to your military station when you receive orders. You cannot be forced to take personal or sick leave while performing military duty. You should communicate with your employer about when you have to report, and how long your orders are for. Give them a point of contact number, and let them know if your situation changes. If you have any problems on the employer end, call the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) representa-

tive, Maj. Jerry Lobb at (334) 953-6804. For additional info, visit www.esgr.org, or call national ESGR headquarters at 800-336-4590. (If you're employed in a small business, let your employer know that some aid programs are available to small businesses suffering a loss from a call-up. Information is available at www.sba.gov/reservists or 800-U-ASK SBA.)

Financial Help

As an activated reservist, you are eligible for emergency aid from the Air Force Aid Society for such things as basic living needs, car repairs, childcare problems, serious illness or death of an immediate family member, and other problems associated with an activation. To contact the ADAS, call the nearest base family support center (Maxwell's is (334) 953-2353), or visit www.afas.org. Last year the AFAS helped more than 20,000 Air Force members and their families with some \$26 million in assistance. If you need it, help is there. Other helpful offices include the nearest base chaplain's office (Maxwell's chaplain office is (334) 953-2109 or (334) 953-7333 (42ABW Com-

mand Post, call for chaplain emergency during non-duty hours), the USO, the Reserve Officer's Association (call 800-809-9448 or visit www.roa.org for information on organizations that help the military), the American Red Cross (877-272-7337 or visit www.redcross.org), and social services—most are listed in the local phone book.

Deployment Guide

For a wealth of information for the reservist and families on preparing for deployment, deploying, and returning from a deployment, see the Deployment Guide, available from the 908th AW Family Support Office

Medical Benefits

All active duty service members are authorized to use military medical treatment facilities and are enrolled in TRICARE Prime health care plan. Families of service members are covered through one of three TRICARE options. These options will be explained to you in your in-briefing, or you can visit www.tricare.osd.mil or call 888-363-2273 for TRICARE information.

Pay

For information re-

garding pay and travel entitlements, please call the FM office at (334) 953-6722. You can access the Defense Finance website at www.dfas.mil, and you can sign up for a pin to let you access your leave and earning statement online at www.dfas.mil/mypay/.

ID Cards and Emergency Information

Your family members must have ID cards and be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to receive medical and other benefits. Call customer service at (334) 953-5522 for more information.

Legal

For wills, powers of attorney, and special powers of attorney, call the base Legal Office at (334) 953-2786 during the week, or contact the 908th AW Legal Office during UTAs at (334) 953-6008. You'll also be given another chance to review or accomplish your essential forms when you report to the 908th. Your legal benefits extend to twice your activated time, so if you were activated for one year, you are eligible to use active duty legal services for two years.

For a helpful military legal website, see



www.jagcnet.army.mil/legal.

Useful Web Sites

- ♦ Veterans Administration Assistance Office offers medical, compensation, re-employment, insurance and home loan benefits — 800-827-1000 or www.va.gov.
- ♦ Air Force Reserve Command — <https://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/>. Note the red "Hot" button for mobilization guidance. This site can only be reached from a military computer.
- ♦ Reserve Affairs Mobilization Information and Resources Guide — <http://www.defenselink.mil/ra/mobil/pdf/section1.pdf>
- ♦ <http://www.military.com/deployment>
- ♦ Air Force Crossroads — <http://www.afcrossroads.com/>.
- ♦ United Services Organization — www.uso.org.
- ♦ Armed Forces Vacation Club — www.afvclub.com. (Adapted from an article provided by Maj. James Bishop, 459AW/PA, Andrews AFB, Md.)

Deployment offers tax options; not filing not one of them

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) — Mobilized Air Force reservists deploying overseas are not automatically excused from filing their federal income tax return, according to Air Force Reserve Command staff judge advocate officials here.

Deploying reservists have four options when it comes to filing taxes. They can file before they leave, authorize a spouse or trusted friend to sign and file for them, have a non-military or non-deploying spouse sign and file a joint tax return on their behalf, or use an extension if authorized.

If reservists have not received their Form W-2 in the mail before deploying, they can access it online by using a personal identification number

via "My Pay" on the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at <https://emss.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>.

Most active-duty locations offer a tax-assistance program. Servicemembers can electronically file their returns and opt for direct deposit of any refund into their checking accounts.

If a reservist wants to allow someone else to sign and file his return, he must: be absent from the United States for at least 60 days before the due date for filing the return, be unable to sign the return because of disease or injury, or get permission from the Internal Revenue Service office in the area to have another person file on his behalf.

Reservists can authorize their agents to sign and file by using a special power of attorney or by using IRS Form 2848, which is available on the

Web at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-fill/f2848.pdf>.

If filing a joint return, a special power of attorney or IRS Form 2848 is not required. Married couples filing separate returns cannot use this option.

Deployed military people can usually take advantage of a filing extension for service in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area. Before claiming these extensions, reservists should check with a tax preparer or a legal assistance officer to ensure that the area where they are deployed has been declared a combat zone or qualified hazardous-duty area.

To find out what a state requires when reservists are deployed, they should consult with a tax preparer or a legal assistance officer. Some states have rules that are similar to the federal rules. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

March Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Time	Time	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, March 7, 2003			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room
Saturday, March 8, 2003			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0830	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1030	Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	TBD	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	1130	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1200	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0900	1000	Security Managers Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
0900	1000	Publications & Forms Distribution	Bldg. 1056/Upstairs Training Room
0930	1030	Unit Education & Training Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/Cmd Chief's Conf Rm
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	Disaster Preparedness Reps Training	Bldg. 1055
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1100	1200	Company Grade Officers Council	Golf Course Snack Bar
1200	1600	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1200	1500	Units at Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
1300	1400	HRDC	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room
Sunday, March 9, 2003			
0630	0700	Sign in	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
0700	0800	Wing Commander's Call	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
0800	1400	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0800	TBD	Family Liaison Officer Training	Polifka Auditorium
0800	1100	Units at Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0800	1100	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
0830	1130	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25 APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0900	1000	Self Inspection Monitors' Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
0900	1030	Workstation Configuration Firmware	Bldg. 848, Trng Room (Upstairs)
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1000	1100	Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1030	1115	Weight Management Monitors' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1130	1230	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room/CC
1200	1500	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1230	1530	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1430	1500	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1055/Classroom 2/CES
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room
Support functions' schedule			
Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630 Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100; 1200-1600	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Vehicle Registration (note time changes)	M- F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

FY 03 Unit Training Assembly Dates
April 5-6; May 3-4; June 7-8; July 12-13; Aug. 9-10; Sept. 6-7

March UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- * ***The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.***

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:
Commercial: (334) 953-7332
DSN: 493-7332
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Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the March UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule
Aurora Airlift
UTA pick-up schedule Friday:
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1830 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:
Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local
Depart Aurora at 1845 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift
UTA pick-up schedule Friday:
Depart Maxwell at 1700 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local
Depart Huntsville at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local
Depart Huntsville at 1700 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local
Depart Dobbins at 1900 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

Take Note

Mobilization may affect child support responsibilities

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Mobilized reservists who have a child support order can seek assistance from their state child support agency, especially under the following circumstances:

♦ **Level of income has changed or will change as the result of mobilization.** They may be eligible for the agency to review and adjust the amount of their support order.

♦ **Support payments are being withheld from military paycheck.** The state agency can ensure the withholding is transferred to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service on a timely basis to prevent or minimize missed payments. Reservists can ask their civilian employer to tell the state agency about their deployment and to provide other needed information.

♦ **A child support hearing is scheduled.** The agency can tell the court or hear-

ing officer about the reservist's service status and can attempt to reschedule the hearing.

♦ **The child support order includes health care coverage.** Children of mobilized reservists are eligible for TRICARE health coverage, and the agency may be able to help enroll them in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, a prerequisite to obtaining coverage.

If people owe \$5,000 or more in past-due child support, their passports are withheld until arrangements are made with the state child support agency for paying off the debt. Some states require the debt to be paid before the passport is made available. If reservists need a passport to complete their military duties, this could create a problem for them, as well as their assigned military unit.

For more information on child support issues, mobilized Air Force reservists can contact the nearest active-duty legal office or the 908AW legal office at (334) 953-6008. They can also obtain more information from state child support enforcement agencies on the Web at the following:

♦ <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/extinf.htm#exta> (State and local IV-D agencies on the Web)

♦ <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/pol/im-01-09.htm> (OCSE Information Memorandum IM-01-09).

The Department of Defense provides assistance at the following Web site: <https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/Legal> under "family law matters." (AFRC News Service)

SGLI rates decrease in July

Premium rates for both Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Family Member SGLI are being reduced effective July 1. This is an automatic decrease and no update action is required.

As a reminder, members who previously elected to decline or reduce coverage must complete a certification of good health, SGLV 8285 for SGLI and SGLV 8285A for FSGLI, before restoring or increasing SGLI or FSGLI coverage.

To see the current as well as reduced rate visit the SGLI web site at <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/SGLI/SGLI.htm>

Wing members with questions regarding SGLI should consult the web site or contact Staff Sgt. Dimitri Jefferies, NCOIC, customer service, 908MPF at (334)953-5522.



Smith leads cops

New 908SFS commander Capt. Eugene B. Smith speaks to the assembly of squadron members and guests following his change of command ceremony Feb. 8, replacing Maj. Stephen Barnett. Smith, most recently 908MSG executive officer, has extensive time in security forces in the enlisted and officer ranks.



Supporting Our Troops

908ASTS members Staff Sgt. Jessica Leigh, left, and Tech. Sgt. Brandy Lindsey pose with the poster they created that was displayed during the opening segment of NBC's "Today Show" Jan. 2. The duo hoped to appear on the New Year's Day show and represent the wing only to discover that New Year's Day show is the only one that's taped previously.

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